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The following does not admit or deny that the event described is prior art within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §102 and is presented to meet applicant's duty of candor and for the Examiner's consideration. Years prior to the filing of this application, a customer of the assignee of the present application complained about a dark streak in his carpet. Upon investigation, a single end of soiling-prone trilobal yarn was discovered to have been erroneously incorporated into the customer's carpet in which the remaining percentage of yarn was entirely composed of soil-hiding hollow fill cross-section yarn. When the carpet was cleaned, the dark single end stripe went away. When the carpet became dirty, it came back. This event was noted as a genesis for the present invention.

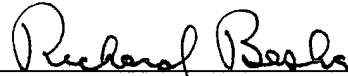
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